FROM ALVAREZ

My naivete in Kennedy assassination matters in late November 1966 would be difficult for Mr. Weisberg to believe. I remember calling my longtime friend, Edwin Huddleson, rather late the night before Thanksgiving. I said I'd like to show him something exciting, and when I arrived at his home, I demonstrated the supposedly significant changes in flag configuration. Although he wasn't convinced by what I showed him, he said something to the effect that, "If this is true, it could have an important bearing on the single bullet theory." In reply, I said, "What is the single bullet theory?" Mr. Huddleson then pointed to the text that accompanied the Zapruder pictures, in the issue of LIFE I had brought with me. The controversial theory that the President and Governor Connally were wounded by a single bullet was described in the text, but I had found the pictures so fascinating that I hadn't taken the time to read the written material. On December 4th I started writing a letter to Mr. Huddleson. It was 30 pages long, and was finished on December 7th. This letter, which contained my analysis of the streaks, was sent by Mr. Huddleson to a personal friend at CBS, which led to my association with the CBS program.

For a long time, I thought that I had been the first person to attribute significance to the streaks I've just mentioned. But apparently Harold Weisberg did it first in his book "Whitewash" (Weisberg, Hyattsville, Maryland, 1966) and reissued (Dell Publishing Co. Inc., 1966). I am happy to acknowledge Mr. Weisberg's priority, in response to letters he has written to Paul Hoch, reminding Paul that he knew of his (Weisberg's) observations. I haven't seen Mr. Weisberg's book, and I can't say, as Mr. Weisberg would like me to, that I first learned of the streaks from Paul Hoch, since that isn't so; I was not aware of Paul Hoch's interest in the assassination until after the CBS program, when he came to see me, to discuss our common interest.